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SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISIT TO FRANCE

SUMMARY: BHUTTO'S "GOOD WILL" VISIT TO FRANCE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MAINLY THAT. NO NEW AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED AND DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND NUCLEAR, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC PROPOSALS PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. THE FRENCH REPORTEDLY DID NOT CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON CONTROLS FOR A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT WHILE PAKISTAN CONTINUED TO RESIST CONTROLS. FINANCIAL TERMS, ESPECIALLY THE DIFFICULTY OF FINDING THIRD-COUNTRY FUNDING, APPEAR TO BE THE PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO BILATERAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROPOSALS. THE FRENCH PROBABLY WILL TRY TO HELP PAKISTAN SECURE FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS  
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--PROVIDED PURCHASES ARE MADE IN FRANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCTOBER 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOUTH ASIA LOUIS MOREAU GAVE US QUAI JUDGMENTS ON PAKISTANI PRIME MINIS-

TER BHUTTO'S OCTOBER 20-22 OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE. MOREAU SAID THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SOUGHT THE VISIT FOR OVER A YEAR. HIS PURPOSES WERE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS A STATESMAN OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE, TO MAINTAIN THE TEMPO OF PAKISTAN'S DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, ITS ONLY EFFECTIVE WEAPON AGAINST THE PERCEIVED "INDO-SOVIET THREAT," AND TO SECURE FRENCH AID. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BHUTTO'S WISHES, THE FRENCH LABELED IT A "GOOD WILL" AND NOT A "WORKING" VISIT. THE RESULTS, AS RECOUNTED BY THE PRESS AND THE QUAI, SEEM TO VALIDATE THAT DESCRIPTION.

2. MOREAU SAID THE VISIT "WENT WELL" BUT THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD A FULL ACCOUNT OF BHUTTO'S MEETINGS WITH GISCARD AND PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC. HE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN VERY GENERAL. BHUTTO REITERATED THE WELL KNOWN PAKISTANI THESES ABOUT THE THREATS POSED BY INDIA, AFGHANISTAN AND, THROUGH THE LATTER TWO COUNTRIES, THE USSR TO THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY AND THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED AND ARRIVED AT A BROAD AREA OF AGREEMENT ABOUT A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. WITH CHIRAC, BHUTTO ALSO HARPED ON THREATS TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY AND EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON A WIDE VARIETY OF WORLD PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, PORTUGAL, CYPRUS, ETC., LEAVING LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHIRAC TO PUT IN A WORD.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS AT THE QUAI, BHUTTO AGAIN STRESSED THE THREATS FROM PAKISTAN'S NEIGHBORS AND DESCRIBED THE COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GREAT POWERS. THE ANODINE COMMUNIQUE (POUCHED TO NEA AND ISLAMABAD) WAS PROPOSED BY THE PAKISTANIS. MOREAU SAID THE FRENCH FELT REQUIRED ONLY TO TONE DOWN SOME OF THE DRAFT LANGUAGE AND TO DELETE REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR GUARANTEES AND TO THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA, CHANGES TO WHICH THE PAKS TOOK NO EXCEPTION. BHUTTO TOLD THE FRENCH HE HOPES TO RENEW CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS WITH INDIA THIS YEAR.

4. NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND MILITARY SALES WERE THE ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PRESS, WHICH GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO THE VISIT. MOREAU INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE INDEED CONTINUED ON TWO NUCLEAR PROPOSALS, BUT THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE. HE SAID THAT FUNDING FOR A 2 BILLION FRANC NUCLEAR POWER STATION STILL SEEMED DISTANT. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, CHIRAC'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR BOIDEVAIX TOLD THE DCM THAT THE GAP ON FINANCIAL TERMS WAS NARROWED AND THAT THE FRENCH ARE REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REALIZATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

5. BOTH BOIDEVAIX AND MOREAU INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT IS AT AN IMPASSE. THE FRENCH DID NOT CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON CONTROLS WHILE THE PAKISTANIS WERE ADAMANT IN RESISTING THEM.

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6. MOREAU SAID THAT ARMS TALKS DID NOT GO FAR. THE PAKISTANIS MENTIONED THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE US, UK, GERMANY AND OTHERS ABOUT ARMS AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EASY FINANCIAL TERMS. SINCE THE FRENCH ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN COMMERCIAL TERMS, AND AS THE PAKS APPEAR TO HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF SIGNIFICANT THIRD COUNTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, MOREAU CONSIDERED THE PROSPECTS FOR FRENCH SALES BLEAK.

7. SIMILARLY, MOREAU THOUGHT THAT LITTLE WOULD COME OF BHUTTO'S MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF LEADING FRENCH BUSINESSMEN. USEFUL CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED AND  
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SEVERAL PROJECTS DISCUSSED, MOREAU SAID, BUT THE FUNDING

FOR TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PAKISTAN SEEKS IS NOT ON THE HORIZON. CHIRAC PROMOTED IN PARTICULAR SALE OF THE FRENCH SECAM COLOR TV SYSTEM AND AIRBUS. THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED SENDING OF A FRENCH BUSINESS MISSION TO PAKISTAN WAS CONFIRMED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

8. IN CLOSING, MOREAU OBSERVED THAT PAKISTAN IS STILL A COUNTRY IN SEARCH OF AN IDENTITY. IT CAN DEFINE ITSELF TODAY, HE SAID, ONLY IN TERMS OF INDIA.

9. COMMENT: WHILE THIS OBSERVATION PARTIALLY REFLECTS THE OFFICIAL FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE VISIT, IT OMITTS MENTION OF FRANCE'S CONTINUING PREOCCUPATION WITH RE-ENFORCING ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY KEY ONES LIKE PAKISTAN. BHUTTO CAN BE ASSURED OF HAVING IN FRANCE AN ASSIDUOUS PARTNER IN ENCOURAGING COUNTRIES LIKE IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA TO OPEN THEIR PURSES TO PAKISTAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARMS, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY--IN FRANCE.  
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